

PARTY IN VIRGINIA DRUMS OUT NEGRO

Republican Convention Held
White Man's Meeting.

INDORSEMENT FOR TAFT

Slomp, Martin, Allen, and Prof-
fitt Chosen Delegates.

African Representative Is Howled
Down When He Attempts to Gain
Hearing—State Senator Noel, Elec-
ted Temporary Chairman, Enunciat-
es "Lily White" Character of
Assembly—Other Predictions Made.

Lynchburg, Va., April 8.—For the first
time in the history of the Republican
party in Virginia, the State convention
here to-day was composed principally of
white men. About fifteen negro delegates
were present.

In his speech accepting the temporary
chairmanship, State Senator J. C. Noel,
of Lee County, declared the convention
was a white man's meeting, representing
a white Republican party, and any state-
ment to the contrary was a lie. This
aroused the convention to great enthusi-
asm.

As the first session neared the end a
negro delegate from the First Con-
gressional district endeavored to secure
recognition from the chair. He was ig-
nored. When he persisted, there were
cries of "Sit down!" from all portions of
the hall.

Negro Howled Down.

Five minutes later, the black delegate,
still trying to get the attention of Sen-
ator Noel, the convention tried to howl
him down. He persisted. While he was
still on his feet, a motion was made and
carried to adjourn until 7 o'clock.

Senator Noel was placed in nomination
for the temporary chairmanship by Roy
E. Cabell, of Richmond. In accepting,
Senator Noel declared conditions were
never brighter for the Virginia Republi-
cans, and that he did not believe, if the
party acts wisely, that it will be long be-
fore the Old Dominion will get in line
with other progressive States.

He arraigned the late general assembly
for alleged misuse of power and took a
whack at the new constitution for its
disfranchisement of voters. The commit-
tees on resolutions, organization, and
credentials spent most of the afternoon
in getting ready for the night session.

Taft Is Indorsed.

The committee on resolutions reported
the resolutions, five in all, in which con-
fidence in Republican principles and the
party were reaffirmed; indorsing the ad-
ministration of President Roosevelt, and
indorsing the candidacy of Secretary
William H. Taft, and instructing the four
delegates-at-large to use all honorable
means to promote his candidacy.

Delegates Are Chosen.

The delegates elected are Slomp, Mar-
tin, Allen, and Proffitt. The alternates
are John B. Kimberly, Henry Bowen, O.
D. Okey, and B. B. Bowman.

At 12 o'clock the electors and State
chairman were yet to be elected. Dele-
gates were protesting against further ad-
dresses.

FLAW IN PROHIBITION.

Alabama Law May Be Set Aside on
Technicality.

Montgomery, Ala., April 8.—A flaw in
the passage of the general prohibition
law has been found that may render it
invalid.

The constitution requires that all bills
must be signed by the speaker and pres-
ident of the senate in the presence of the
members of each house. This bill does not
show affirmatively that the bill was
signed by the president "in the presence
of the senate." The Supreme Court will
likely pass on the act in the next few
days.

WANT NO NEGRO MUSIC.

White Troops in New York Aroused
on Race Question.

Utica, April 8.—The board of managers
of the Watertown Chamber of Commerce
are in a state of great embarrassment
over the attitude of an element in the
Thirty-ninth Separate Company of that
city, which refuses to march next Friday
in honor of Gov. Hughes, if they are led
by the colored band of the Twenty-fourth
Infantry.

The Twenty-fourth Regiment is a negro
regiment recently returned from the Phil-
ippines, and two battalions of the organi-
zation are quartered at Madison Bar-
racks, adjacent to Watertown. They are
the first colored troops to be located
there, and after their assignment to Ma-
dison Barracks considerable influence was
exerted to have the order amended and
the negroes sent to some other post, but
in vain.

A considerable element in the com-
munity feels deep resentment toward the
War Department as a result, and the
revolt of the National Guardsmen in re-
fusing to step to martial music furnished
by the colored regiment's band is causing
trouble and evidence of this race senti-
ment. The committee in charge of the
arrangements for the governor's recep-
tion will probably engage a band of white
musicians.

New Cape May—New \$1,000,000 Hotel.
All-rail route via Pennsylvania Railroad
on and after April 11. Train leaves Wash-
ington 12:30 p. m. Arrive Cape May 6:02
p. m.

Some lumber firms say times will soon
be better and are holding up prices.

STILL IN RUNNING.



CHARLES E. HUGHES.
New York's governor, who, despite temporary set-
back, is determined to war on gamblers.

BATTERED BY SEAS

Pretoria Docks in New York
After 18-day Trip.

EXCITING TIMES IN THE HOLD

Lion, Monkeys, and Other Wild An-
imals Make Life Unpleasant for
Keepers When Ship Tosses in
Heavy Seas—Only 142 Miles Logged
in One Day—Woman Suicides.

New York, April 8.—The passengers of
the steamship Pretoria, which arrived
this morning from Hamburg, were cer-
tainly glad to get ashore.

They had been on board the vessel ever
since March 21, when the Pretoria sailed,
and had experienced the longest trip of
any trans-Atlantic liner for a good while.

The trip of eighteen days included a stop
of twelve hours at Halifax for coal, Capt.
Schroter not wishing to take chances
on running short of fuel between that
port and New York.

It was continual plunging into westerly
gales that ate up the vessel's coal supply
and was responsible for most of her de-
lay. She logged only 142 miles for the
twenty-four hours ending at noon last
Thursday, when a fierce northwesterly
gale raged. On this day the vessel could
sometimes only fight her way into the
gale a distance of one knot an hour.

Tremendous seas swept over the port
bow, and they slipped off the liner's flush
deck without doing very much damage.
Besides the terrific weather, the Pretoria
had other experiences. On March 24,
when the vessel was clearing the Eng-
lish Channel, Dora Gilliar, a young woman
in the second cabin, committed suicide by
leaping into the sea.

No One Sees Her.

No one on board saw the act, but at
breakfast time she was missed, and a
search of her room showed her belongings
disordered and other evidences to bear
out the suicide theory. The officers
thought she jumped overboard about 4
o'clock in the morning. A gale was blowing
at the time. Passengers who met the
young woman said she was very despondent.
She was coming to this city to visit
relatives.

The Pretoria on her tedious trip had
one of the largest consignments of wild
animals, snakes, and birds that has been
brought into port in years. The animals
were carried in the tween decks forward,
and included a six-year-old African lion,
five leopards from Calcutta, four hyenas,
and 300 Malayan apes, little fellows. There
were 200 large snakes, some from Africa
and some from India, and the birds were
5,000 canaries, 1,000 Japanese sparrows,
fifty English doves, and a parcel of
Indian quail.

Animals Between Decks.

They were all in one compartment in
the fed'd 'tween decks, and perhaps the
most unfortunate persons on the long trip
were the men in charge of the animals.
They were Ernest Kampe and Hermann
Freihmann. When the Pretoria plunged
and rolled in the heavy seas, the animals
were sometimes very ticklish in the 'tween
decks. All the animals, birds, and
snakes were in wooden boxes, even the lion.

When the ship lurched these boxes
sometimes shifted, and at times crashed
to the deck. Sometimes a veritable pan-
demonium reigned. The lion was usually
quiet, but when the vessel pitched heavily
he roared portentously. With the hyenas
and monkeys screaming and the birds
cackling and singing the dimly-lighted
animal compartment was a wild place.

Officers of the Pretoria said she had
encountered a "very strong Gulf stream,"
which augmented the powers of the head
seas.

PRITCHARD GIVES TIME.

Federal Judge Puts Limit of Five Days
on Dispensary Commission.

Asheville, N. C., April 8.—The South
Carolina dispensary commission is given
five days by the United States Circuit
Court in an order signed to-day by Judge
J. C. Pritchard, in which to decide
whether or not it will comply.

The conditions prescribed by the court
will stay all proceedings, pending the ap-
peal of the commission to the Court of
Appeals, or the surrender of the \$300,000
in its custody to the receivers heretofore
named by it.

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Beautiful Carnations, 50c dozen. 14th & H.

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On hand; deposit it in banking dept. of
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surplus, \$1,250,000. Government control.

Frank Libbey & Co. say it is getting
worse and are cutting prices.

TIE VOTE IN SENATE RESPIRE TO BETTORS

Gov. Hughes Determined to
End Track Gambling.

MEANS EXTRA SESSION

One More Vote Can Be Obtained
by Filling Vacancy.

Special Election in Late Senator
Franchot's District Will Give Ma-
jority for Agnew-Hart Measure in
New York Upper House—Twenty-
five Votes on Each Side and Fight
Will Be Continued.

HOW THEY VOTED.

Ayes—25.	Noes—25.
AGNEW, ALDS, ARMSTRONG, CARPENTER, COBB, CORDTS, DAVIS, DUNN, FANCHER, FOELKER, GALES, HEACOCK, HILL, HINMAN, HOOKER, O'NEIL, PAGE, RAINES, SAGE, SMITH, TRAVIS, TULLY, WHITE, Republicans.	ACKROYD, BOYCE, COHALAN, CULLEN, FRAWLEY, GRADY, HARTE, HAZENFLUG, MCALL, MCARREN, MCANUS, MULANEY, OWENS, RAMSPERGER, SOHMER, SULLIVAN, THOMPSON, Democrats. BURR, CASSIDY, EMERSON, GILCHRIST, GRATTAN, KNAPP, WEMPLE, WILCOX, Republicans.

Albany, N. Y., April 8.—After one of
the hardest fought battles ever witnessed
in State legislative circles, shortly after
5 o'clock this evening the two bills to
prevent race-track gambling were prac-
tically killed in the senate.

The bills failed by one vote to receive
the required twenty-six votes of senators,
which are necessary to pass a bill in the
senate.

Twenty-five votes in favor of the bills,
and the same number in opposition, were
recorded.

The vote on the bill amending the penal
code, making race-track betting a felony,
and the bill repealing the Percy-Gray bet-
ting law, was the same.

To the governor it has been a hard and
severe blow, for he indicated his disap-
pointment in a short statement he made
as soon as he was acquainted with the
result of the vote. The governor has la-
bored incessantly, in speeches, to arouse
public sentiment, and he has done all that
he could to bring the senators to view
the bills as he did.

Grattan Defends Bills.

It was Senator Grattan, of Albany, ac-
tively under orders of William Barnes, Jr.,
the Albany County Republican leader,
who defeated the bills. Had he not voted
against them, the bills would have passed
by a comfortable majority, for there
would not have been more than two or
three Republican senators who would
have voted against them.

While there is still the danger of the
bills being called up and passed before
the legislature adjourns its regular ses-
sion, on April 23, possibility is such a
remote one that there is no fear enter-
tained of that event occurring. Every one
expects the governor will call an extra
session in an effort to secure the passage
of legislation that will repeal the Percy-
Gray law. The men who were known to
this session, and in that event the governor
would order a special election to fill the
vacancy caused by the late Senator Fran-
chot's death, in the hope of getting the
necessary twenty-six votes for the bill.

Never Such Uncertainty.

Seldom, if ever, has been such a feel-
ing of uncertainty concerning the outcome
of legislation as was the case with the
two bills of Assemblyman Hart, which
were substituted last Thursday for the
bills of Senator Agnew. No one knew
whether the men who were relied upon to
vote against the bills would stand fast to
the end. Senator Cassidy (Republican,
of Schuylers) had everything guessing up
to the time he said, "I am against these
bills." That was when he was brought
face to face either for or against the bills.

Never have senators had so much pres-
sure brought to bear upon them to vote
for bills. The men who were known to
be counted upon to assist in killing the
bills were harassed from every source to
induce them to change their positions.
Telephone calls for Republican senators
were frequent all day, and the senators
were worried looks most of the time the
debate was in progress.

Senator Grady, after having made such
a splendid fight, was robbed of the fruits
of a complete victory through Lieut. Gov.
Chandler. The latter either did not under-
stand the effect of what he was doing, or
was in favor of the Hart bills.

Moves to Reconsider.

After the vote had been announced on
the bill to amend the penal code, by mak-
ing betting on race tracks a felony, Sen-
ator Agnew, who was in charge of the bill,
moved to reconsider the vote by which the
bill was defeated, and that the motion
lie on the table. He would have had to
have twenty-six votes to carry the motion
to reconsider the vote by which the bill
was defeated, if it was put to a vote then.
Although the lieutenant governor cannot
vote on a bill when there is a tie, he has
the deciding vote on a motion.

Senator Agnew did not know where
Lieut. Gov. Chandler stood, and neither
did Senator Grady, as events later showed.
Senator Grady insisted upon a vote
on Senator Agnew's motion to reconsider,
and was opposed to the tabling of it. Had
the motion been put and failed to receive
twenty-six votes, it would have prevented
bringing up the bill again at this session,
and this was the method Senator Grady
had decided upon to effectually kill the
bills.

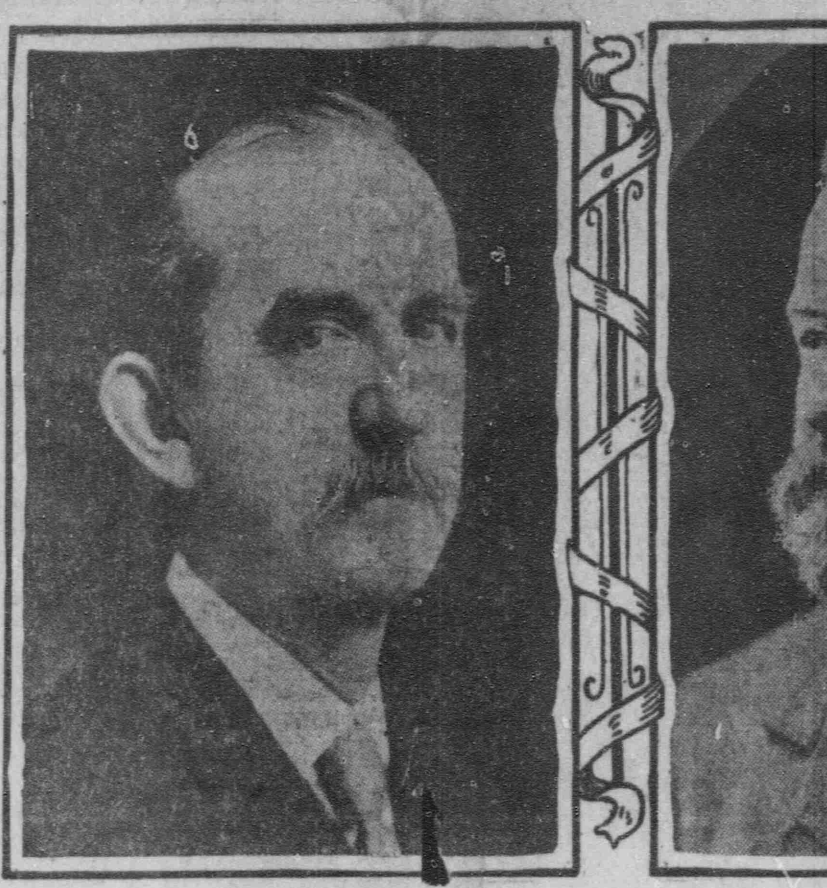
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IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



SENATOR CRANE.
Massachusetts Representative in the Upper House of the United States Congress who favors an unstructured delegation
to the Chicago Republican convention.

WILL DRIVE OUT GAMBLERS.

"It is impossible to believe that the
people will permit the plain mandate of
the constitution to be ignored. The con-
test has not ended. It has only begun.
It will continue until the will of the
people has been obeyed."—Gov. Hughes.

SENATOR'S WATCH "FIXED."

Enemies of Betting Bills Set Fancher's
Timepiece Lack.

Albany, N. Y., April 8.—Gov. Hughes'
friends to-night say that the methods
that were employed to prevent Senator
Fancher, of Cattaraugus County, from
attending the session to-day to prevent
him from voting in favor of the anti-race
track gambling bills will be the subject
of investigation.

Through this means the governor hopes
to be able to secure the clew through
which he will learn the methods used to
defeat the bills in the senate to-day.

The put-up job to keep State Senator
Fancher from voting in favor of the bills
shows how desperate the enemies of the
bill were. Senator Fancher belongs to
the crowd of senators who enjoy life in
Albany. For some time the enemies of
the anti-race track bills have been labor-
ing with him in an effort to get him to
come over to their side. A week ago,
when the vote on the amendment to the
penal code bill was taken, he was count-
ed upon to give the bill the necessary
majority, but he disappointed the race-
track people.

Last night it looked as if the bills would
have twenty-six votes if Senator Fancher
remained in attendance at the session.
When the senate convened this morning
at 11 o'clock Senator Fancher was not in
his seat. This attracted no attention
until later in the morning it became known
that Senator Fancher was "dick-
ing" voting on the bill.

Friends made a hurried search for him
and found the senator at a house fre-
quented by legislators and others. He had
spent the night there, it was stated, in
the company of some men and women
who had entertained him by playing
poker with him and it was hinted that the
senator had won \$2,000.

Senator Fancher retired and when he
woke up, he looked at his watch and
found he had plenty of time to get to
the capitol, he thought. Senator Fancher
looked at his watch when he reached the
senate chamber and it showed that the
time of day was but 8:30 o'clock, but he
looked at the clock in the chamber and
saw it was after 2 o'clock.

His watch had been set back and there
was every indication to show that it had
not been intended to let him get to the
senate in time to register his vote on the
bill.

GROVER CLEVELAND ILL.

Former President Confined to Room in
Lakewood Hotel.

New York, April 8.—Grover Cleveland is
again suffering from the cold and rheu-
matism, which have been troubling him
for several months past. He has been
confined to his bed in the Hotel Lake-
wood, Lakewood, N. J., for ten days.

Mrs. Cleveland is with her husband and
is guarding him from every possible an-
noyance. She believes that rest from all
affairs will do more toward her hus-
band's complete recovery than anything
else.

That Mr. Cleveland's condition is not
alarming may be imagined from the fact
that he requires only the attention of the
hotel physician.

TEXANS ELECT WOMEN.

Returns Show Feminine Tax Collector
in Palestine.

Dallas, Tex., April 8.—In the city elec-
tions held in Texas yesterday, three
women were elected to important offices.
Miss Sallie Wond was elected as-
sessor and collector of taxes for Pale-
stine, and Mrs. E. P. Turner and Mrs. P.
Lucker were elected as two of the
seven members of the Dallas board of
education.

The Lenten Sale at Sloan's.
A large and fashionable audience
braved the rain yesterday to attend the
sale of rare furniture and decorations
embroidered in the Lenten sale at Sloan's
Gallery, 1407 G st., and many rare bar-
gains were secured. Sales again to-day,
opening with 20 of the catalogue at 11
a. m. and at 3 p. m. with No. 301, reach-
ing many of the finest and most desirable
articles.

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POETRY AND RULES RIVALS IN HOUSE

Leaders Woo Muse While
Legislation Lags.

DAIZELL NOT A BARD

Nobody Tries Lyrics After His
Terrible Effort.

Two New Measures for Suppression
of Cantankerous Minority Are
Evolved by Rules Committee and
Adopted by Tortuous Route—Herald
Cartoon Text for Speech.

Erato, muse of lyric poetry, attuned her
lyre in the House of Representatives yes-
terday, and Republicans and Democrats
of prominence bowed before her shrine.
As a result, Erato, muse of joy, set up
a rival altar, and laughter drowned the
more melodious ritual in its own blatant
one.

But alas! John Dalzell, whom John
Sharp Williams has cast to play Pistol to
the Sir John Falstaff of Sereeno Payne, is
not a poet, however excellent he may be
as a producer of gag rules for the sup-
pression of a cantankerous minority.

It all came about because of one of
those terrible rules of Mr. Dalzell's. The
Greek ladies with the pretty names came
riding in on that rule, and, although Mr.
De Armond, of Missouri, evaded their
wiles, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Williams, and
the rule-maker all succumbed. But no-
body tried any more poetry-producing
after the Hon. John had unbundled him-
self of his effort. In the shadow of his
awful butchering of the classic meter of
"Mary Had a Little Lamb" everybody
else, dodged the lightning of the goddess
and stuck strictly to prose thereafter.

Herald Cartoon Is Displayed.
Incidentally, the cartoon which embel-
lished the front page of The Washington
Herald yesterday came in for warm praise
from the minority leader, being held up
to the view of the House and character-
ized as even a better representation of
the Speaker and his position than a pho-
tograph could be.

Outside of the passage of the District
appropriation bill, the adoption of the
Speaker's resolutions for an investigation
of the paper trust, and many tired knees,
due to alternate rising and sitting, the
day was productive only of two gag rules,
three poetical efforts accompanied by
speeches, and roll calls, divisions, and
tellers' counts too numerous to more than
mention.

When the House was called to order at
11:30 a. m., after the recess of the preced-
ing evening, a motion to override the veto
of a bill by the President started the
trouble. The resulting roll call occupied
the next half hour, and when that was
finished, Mr. Dalzell was on his feet de-
manding the attention of the Speaker,
who recognized him as formally as if it
hadn't been fixed before.

Mr. Dalzell brings in Daily Rule.
Mr. Dalzell submitted a privileged re-
solution from the Committee on Rules, as is
now his daily custom, and the Republi-
cans laughed, while the Democrats groan-
ed in mock terror. The rule provided a
programme of recesses and other things
for the period between its adoption and
next Monday morning. Recesses were to
be taken from 5 p. m. each day until the
following morning at 11:30. The Speaker,
upon the meeting of the House to-day,
was to declare it in Committee of the
Whole for consideration of the naval ap-
propriation bill, and at 5 o'clock the
chairman of the Committee of the Whole
was to declare the committee in recess
until the next morning. This was to con-
tinue until Saturday at 5, when general
debate on the bill was to close, and a re-
cess to be declared until Monday morn-
ing, when the bill was to be passed.

Being allowed twenty minutes for de-
bate on the rule, Mr. Williams gracefully
yielded nine minutes thereof to "his col-
league from Missouri, Mr. De Armond."
This concession to his one-time foe won
applause for the minority leader. Mr. De
Armond made a matter-of-fact speech,
pointing to the results which, he said,
the filibuster had already accomplished,
and predicting further benefits, and the
approval of the country.

Sherman Tells of Bugs.
Then Mr. Dalzell yielded nine minutes
to Mr. Sherman, of New York, and the
poetry began. Having made a speech in
which he claimed all the "results" to
which Mr. De Armond pointed as having
been done by the majority in spite of the
filibuster, not because of it, Mr. Sherman
was struck by the lightning of inspiration
and this was the result of his speech.
"Democratic hind sight is always better
than his foresight," Mr. Speaker. It might
be described, I think, in that little verset-
let with which we are all familiar.

The lightning bug is brilliant,
But it hasn't any mind;
It stumbles through existence
With its headlight on behind.

Thereupon Mr. Williams was enamored
of the muse, and he decided to make a
speech and attempt some poetry of his
own.

Williams Travesties Majority.
"Mr. Speaker," he said, "my friend
from New York (Mr. Sherman), who has
just taken his seat, says that the Republi-
can party is ready to enact remedial
legislation; that it is ready to assume re-
sponsibility; Mr. Speaker, a little poem
entitled 'Ready to Enact,' after Thomas
Bailey Aldrich, might interest the coun-
try, too, although that phrase outrages
the feelings of the gentleman from New York,
Mr. Payne."

READY TO ENACT.
I wonder what day of the week,
I wonder what month of the year—
Will it be winter or summer,
And who of us them will be here!

What a glorious fancy to dream!
How full of delight and of hope!
But I wonder what day of the week,
I wonder what month of the year!

The thought gives a thrilling of joy
Inspiring the doubter with cheer—
But I wonder what day of the week,
I wonder what month of the year!

"Mr. Speaker, as is well known to all
of you, I am a very remarkably good-
natured man."

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT.

Lasala Expects to Be Plastered with
"Welcome" Signs at Sing Sing.

New York, April 8.—Joseph Lasala, the
Sing Sing convict, who climbed over a
twenty-foot wall there last Sunday night,
and got away, was nabbed to-day
through the efforts of a stool pigeon in
the employ of Lieut. Stachey, in charge
of the Brooklyn detective bureau's Italian
squad.

Lasala gave two policemen a long chase
over back fences in East New York
before he gave up, but when he was
finally cornered he took things pleasantly
enough and said he supposed they would
plaster "welcome" all over his head when
they got him back to Sing Sing.

Easter Tour to New Cape May
Via Pennsylvania Railroad April 11. \$12.50
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